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NOT LONG AGO, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG CHARGED INTO CHAOS CONTROL TO THWART DR. EGGMAN'S SCHEME TO USE THE SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS. DURING THE BATTLE, AN EXPLOSION HURLED SONIC, HIS FRIENDS, DR. EGGMAN, AND THE CHAOS EMERALDS ACROSS DIMENSIONS UNTIL THEY FOUND THEMSELVES IN THE CITY OF STATION SQUARE ON A PARALLEL PLANET EARTH.

NOW SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS PROTECT STATION SQUARE FROM DR. EGGMAN'S DIABOLICAL PLOTS...



IN THE DESERT OUTSIDE OF STATION SQUARE, THE ROAR OF A CAR'S ENGINE AND THE CHEERING OF A CROWD BREAK THE USUAL SILENCE AS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND SAM SPEED HAVE YET ANOTHER RACE TO DETERMINE WHO'S FASTER.

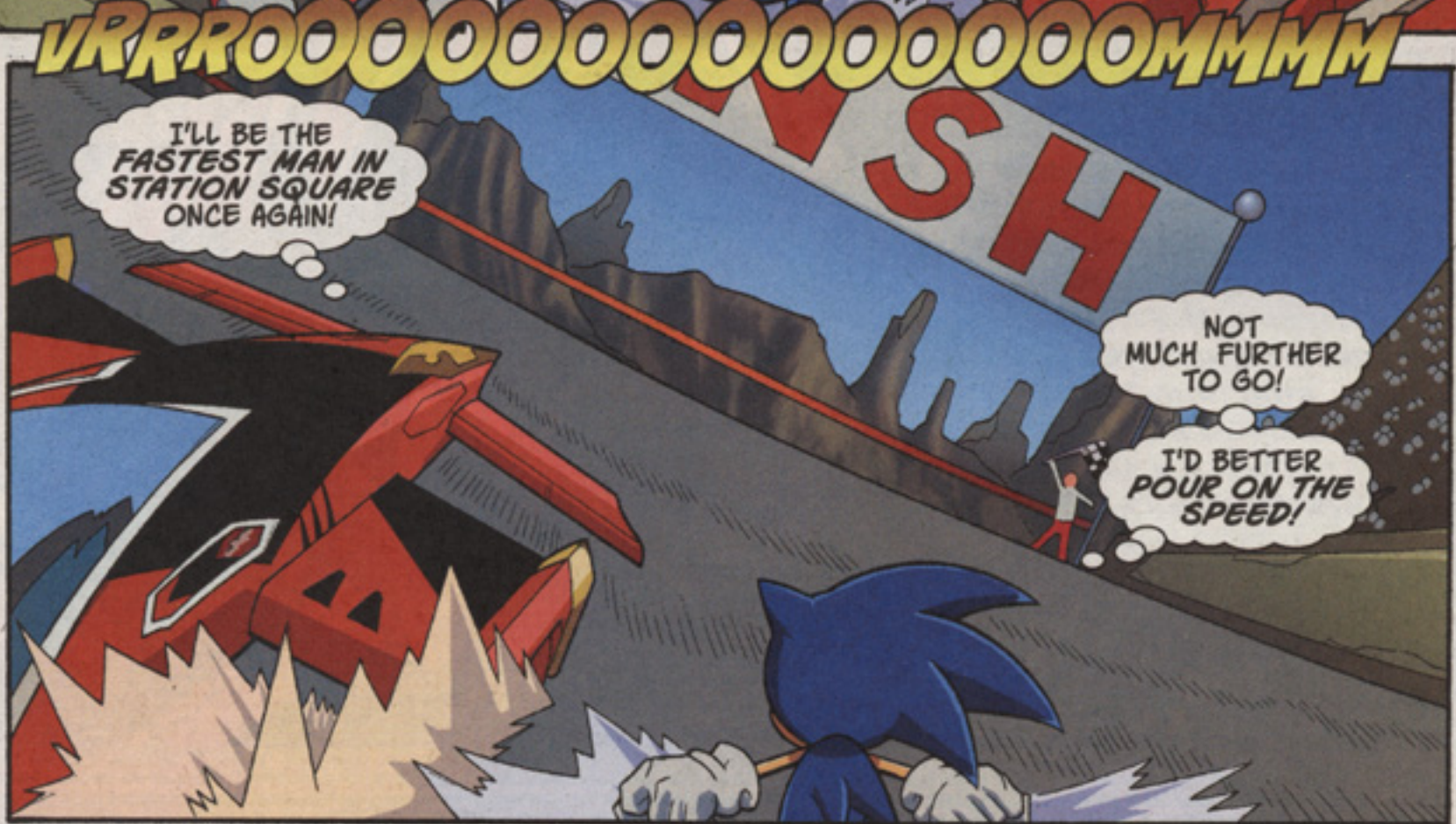
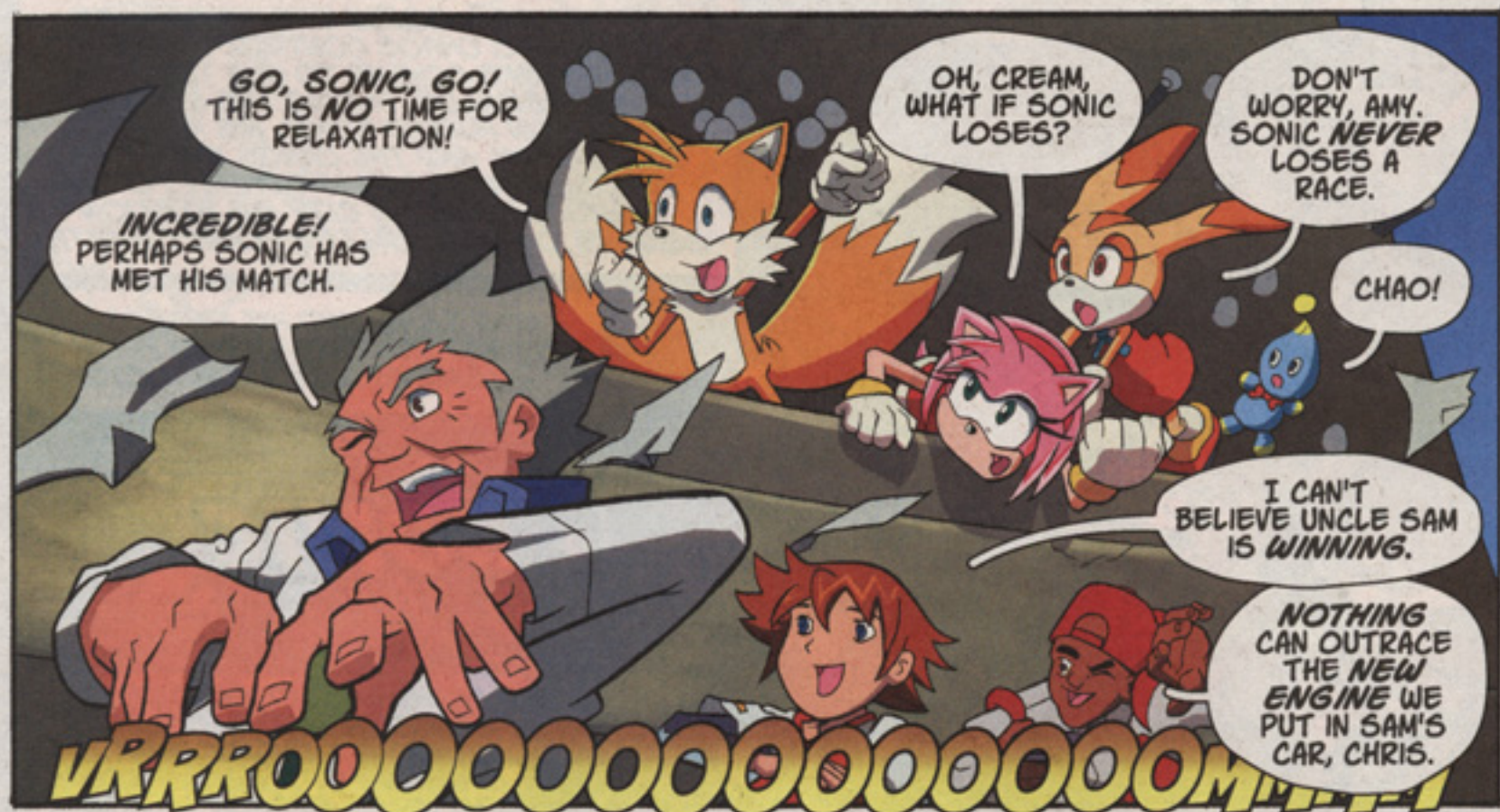
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC MIGHT ACTUALLY LOSE TO SAM!

SAVINGS ~and~ GROAN

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VROOOOM



SONIC TAKES A DEEP BREATH AND PUSHES HIMSELF HARDER THAN HE EVER HAS BEFORE...

THE
WINNER
IS...

VRRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

YES!

VRRRROOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOMMMM

I KNEW
HE COULD
DO IT!

AH
HAH HAH
HAH HAH
HAH!

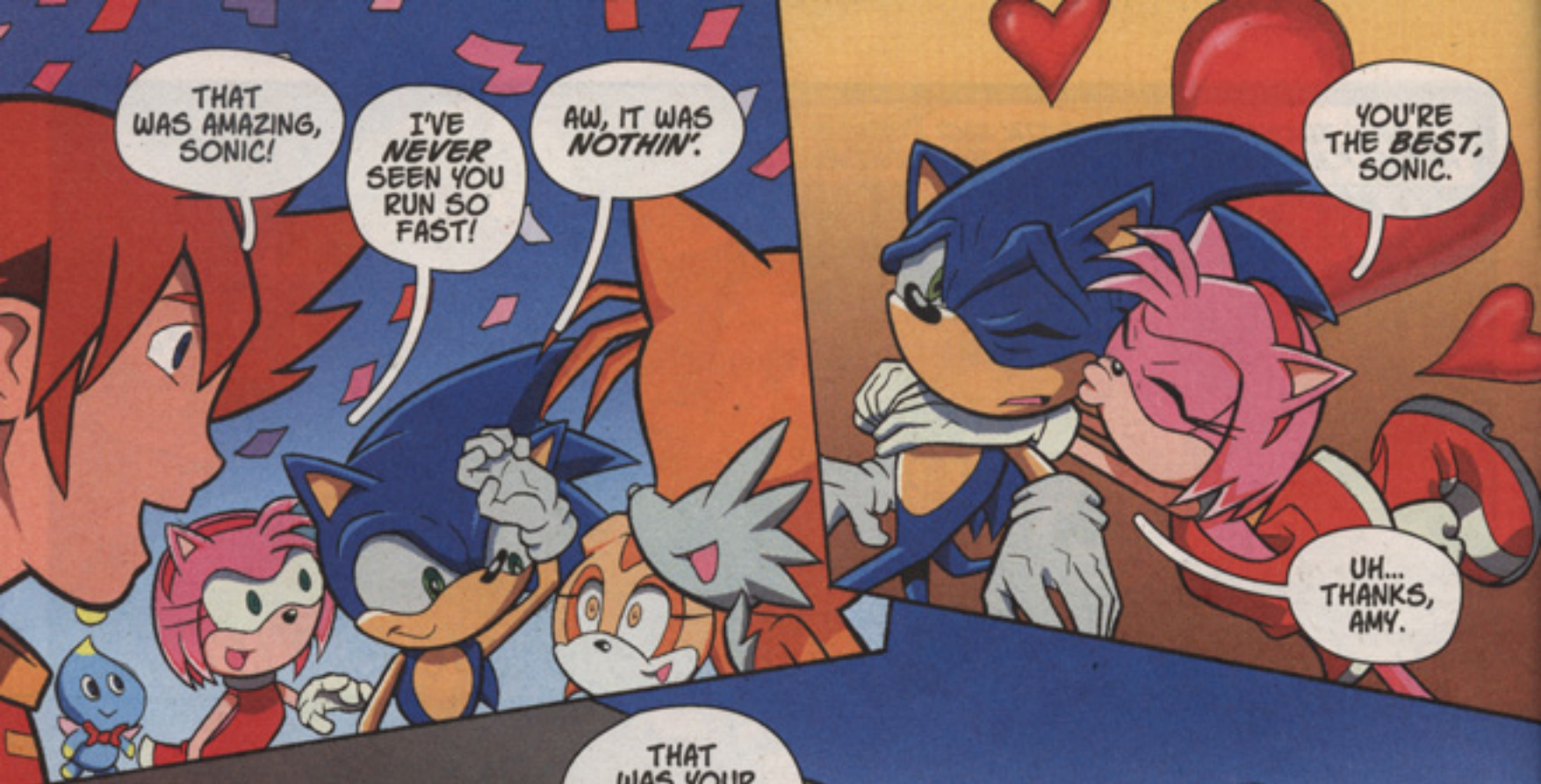
YAY,
SONIC!

HE DID IT,
CREAM! SONIC
WON THE
RACE!

HURRAY!
HURRAY!

CHAO!
CHAO!





THAT WAS AMAZING, SONIC!

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU RUN SO FAST!

AW, IT WAS NOTHIN'.

YOU'RE THE BEST, SONIC.

UH... THANKS, AMY.



THAT WAS YOUR BEST TIME EVER, SAM!

IT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH, PAUL.

YOU'RE STILL THE FASTEST HUMAN ON THE STREETS OF STATION QUARE, SAM.



BUT I LOST TO A HEDGEHOG-- AGAIN!

AW, NOBODY'S PERFECT.

EXCEPT YOU, SONIC.



COME ON EVERYBODY. WE'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO THE HOUSE. ELLA SAID SHE'D MAKE A SPECIAL DINNER FOR THE WINNER.

'KAY, GRANDPA.



I'M TIRED OF PLAYING SECOND FIDDLE TO SONIC!

WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE GARAGE TO BUILD A BETTER, FASTER ENGINE FOR MY CAR!

THEN I'LL BE THE FASTEST HUMAN OR HEDGEHOG IN TOWN!

MEANWHILE, ON THE ISLAND OFF STATION SQUARE'S EMERALD COAST, DR. EGGMAN'S FORTRESS CASTS A FORBIDDING SHADOW OVER THE FOREST.

INSIDE, THE HALLS REVERBERATE WITH AN ENRAGED SHOUT.

IT'S NOT FAIR!

HERE I AM, THE **GREATEST GENIUS** ON THIS PUNY, BACKWARDS PLANET...

...AND NO ONE WILL GIVE ME THE COMPONENTS I NEED TO BUILD MY **WORLD-CONQUERING ROBOTS**.

WHY NOT, DR. EGGMAN?

YOU DON'T SUPPOSE IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE **WORLD-CONQUERING** THING, DO YOU?

BAH! STUPID HUMANS! THEY EXPECT ME TO **PAY** FOR THE PARTS!

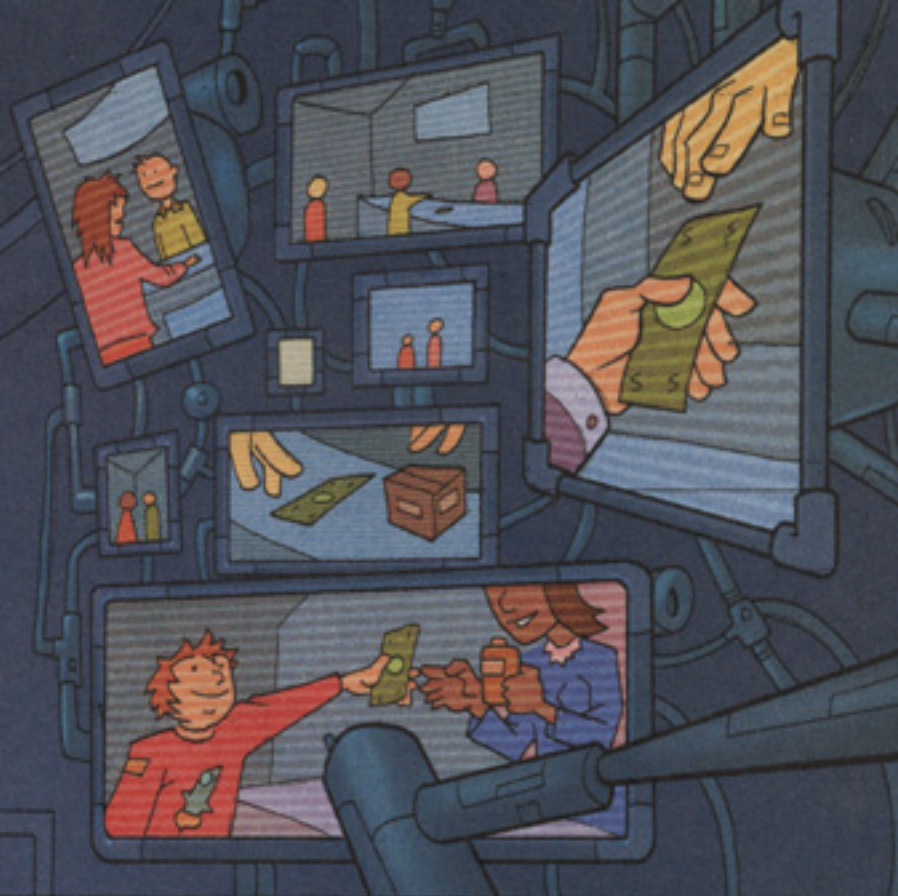
ME!
PAY?!

IT'S JUST **NOT RIGHT!** THEY SHOULD JUST GIVE ME WHAT I NEED AS A THANK YOU FOR NOT CRUSHING THEM BENEATH THE HEELS OF MY NEXT ALL-POWERFUL ROBOT!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SIR?

I HAVE BEEN
STUDYING THE
INHABITANTS OF
THIS PLANET...

THEY
EXCHANGE *LITTLE
PIECES OF PAPER*
FOR GOODS AND
SERVICES.



"THEY CALL THE
LITTLE PIECES OF
PAPER '*MONEY*.'"

"WHY THEY PRETEND THESE
LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER
HAVE *ANY INTRINSIC
VALUE* IS BEYOND ME."



IT MUST
BE A *MASS
HALLUCINATION*
OF SOME
KIND.



WITH MY GREAT INTELLECT,
I HAVE DETERMINED
*WE MUST GET SOME
OF THOSE PIECES
OF PAPER FOR
OURSELVES.*

HOW
DO WE
DO THAT,
SIR?



THAT'S
THE *BEST*,
AND MOST
PUZZLING,
PART OF
IT.

HUMANS
SIMPLY WALK
UP TO MACHINES
THROUGHOUT
THE CITY AND
TAKE MONEY
OUT...

...AND *NO
ONE TRIES
TO STOP
THEM!*



THEN *WE*
SHOULD TAKE
MONEY OUT OF
A MACHINE AND
TRADE IT FOR
GOODS AND
SERVICES.

THAT'S
EXACTLY
WHAT YOU
ARE GOING
TO DO...



THAT AFTERNOON, OUTSIDE OF
THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK OF
STATION SQUARE, INC.

ATM

SO, HOW DO
WE GET THE MONEY
OUT, DECOE?

I DO
NOT KNOW,
BOCOE. PERHAPS
WE SHOULD
JUST ASK.

WE NEED
MONEY. PLEASE
GIVE US
SOME.

IT'S
NOT DOING
ANYTHING.

HERE COMES
SOMEONE. LET'S
WATCH WHAT
SHE DOES.

TOP O' TH' MORNIN'
T' YE, MISS MARY.

THANKS,
OFFICER
ALBRIGHT. IS
THAT A NEW
ACCENT?

AYE, THAT
I BE. I'M STARRIN'
IN A PRODUCTION
OF "DEATH OF A
SALESMAN" THAT
BE OPENIN' NEXT
WEEK.

THAT'S THE
SECRET! SHE
PRESSED THE
BUTTONS.

BRILLIANT!
WE MUST PRESS
THE BUTTONS!

IT'S
STILL NOT
GIVING US
ANY MONEY.
WHAT DO WE
DO NOW?

I SAY WE
BREAK IT OPEN
AND TAKE THE
LITTLE PIECES
OF PAPER
OUT.

WORKS
FOR ME.

HAVIN' A SPOT
OF BOTHER,
ARE YE?

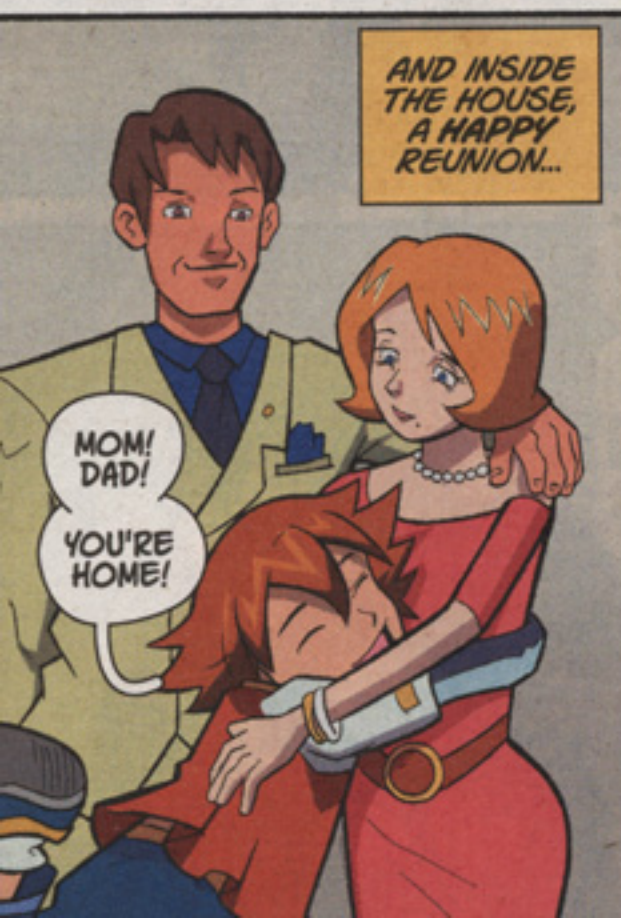
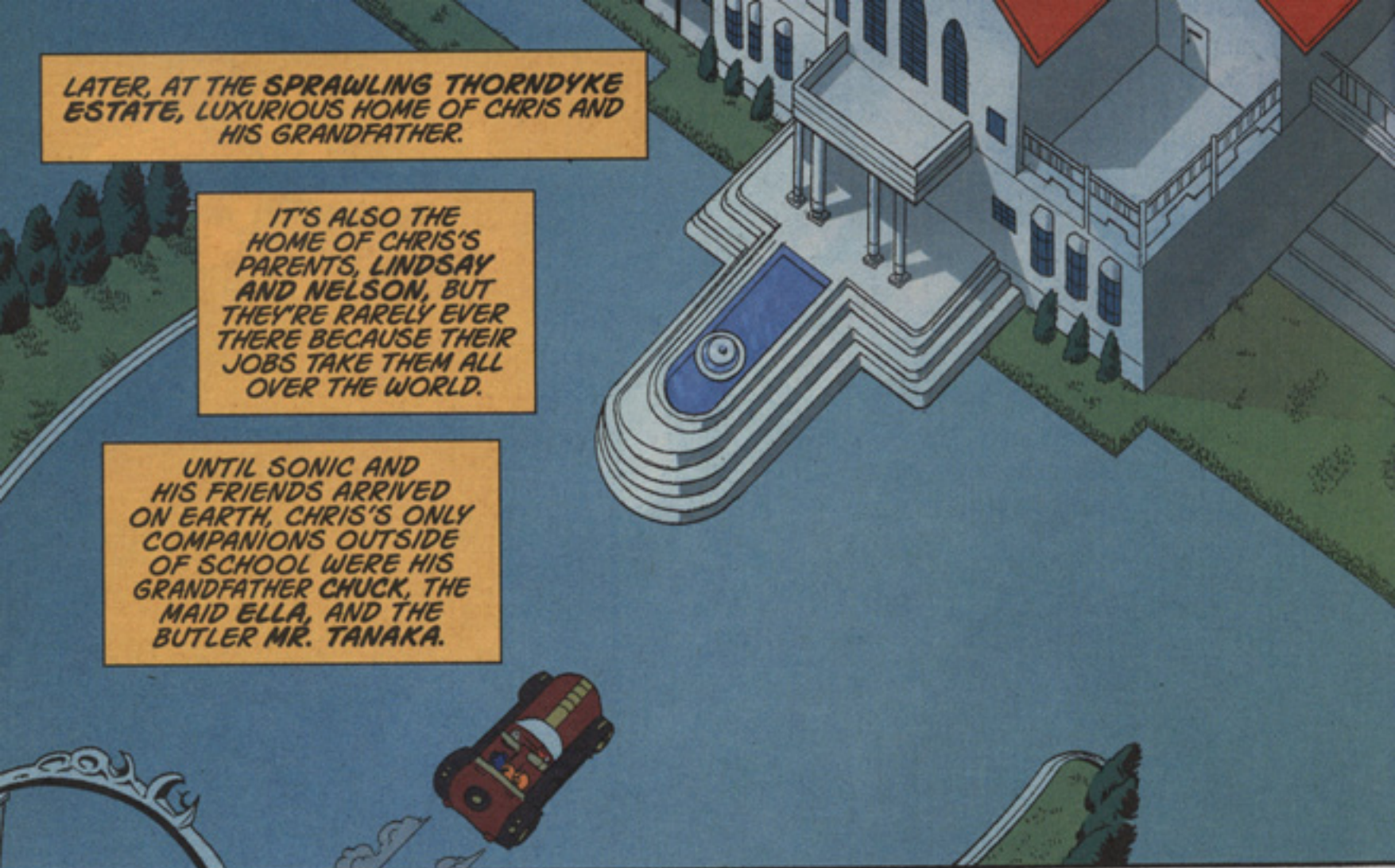
PERHAPS
YE'D LIKE T'
COME DOWN T'
THE STATION
AN' EXPLAIN
YERSELVES?

EEP!

LATER, AT THE SPRAWLING THORNDYKE ESTATE, LUXURIOUS HOME OF CHRIS AND HIS GRANDFATHER.

IT'S ALSO THE HOME OF CHRIS'S PARENTS, LINDSAY AND NELSON, BUT THEY'RE RARELY EVER THERE BECAUSE THEIR JOBS TAKE THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

UNTIL SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS ARRIVED ON EARTH, CHRIS'S ONLY COMPANIONS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL WERE HIS GRANDFATHER CHUCK, THE MAID ELLA, AND THE BUTLER MR. TANAKA.



AND INSIDE THE HOUSE, A HAPPY REUNION...



WHILE ELSEWHERE, A MUCH LESS HAPPY REUNION...

THIS CITY
HAS DOZENS
OF BUILDINGS
DEDICATED TO
STORING MONEY
IN THE FORM OF
"COLD, HARD
CASH!"

THEY
ARE CALLED
BANKS!

oooooooooooo.

AND TOMORROW, *WE* SHALL VISIT
ONE SUCH BANK AND *REMOVE*
ALL ITS MONEY.

A **CUNNING**
PLAN, SIR!

BUT WHY
DON'T WE GO
TONIGHT?

FOOL! YOU KNOW
TONIGHT IS THE
NIGHT I WAX MY
MOUSTACHE!

I HAVE SELECTED THE TWELFTH NATIONAL BANK
OF STATION SQUARE, INC., ON THE OUTSKIRTS
OF TOWN WHERE THE RICH **THORNDYKE**
FAMILY KEEPS THEIR MONEY...

...BUT WHICH
OF MY ROBOTS
SHALL MAKE THE
WITHDRAWAL?

K-CHUNK

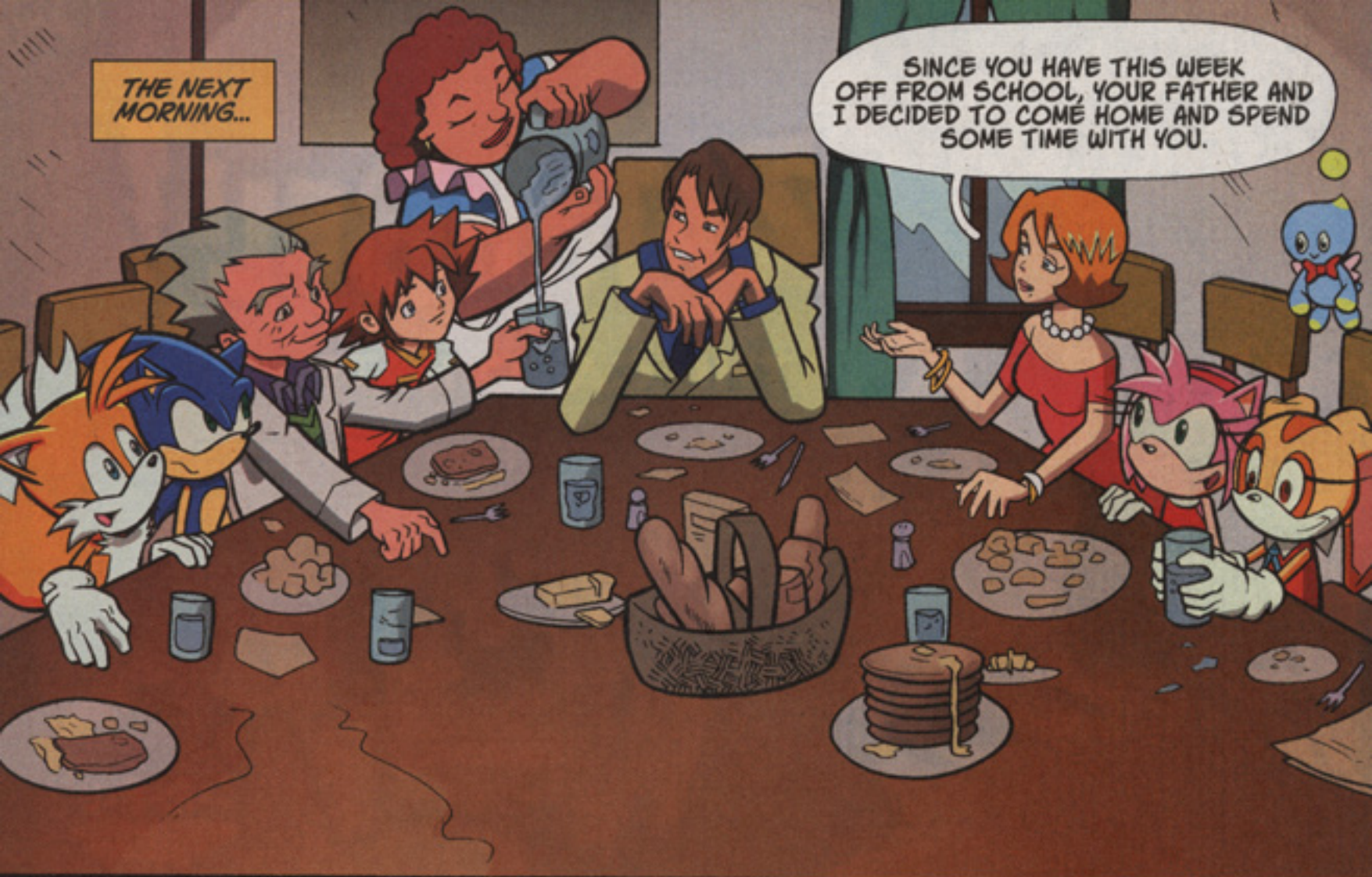
WHIRRRRRRRR

AH!
BEN-728--
PACKRATBOT!
THE PERFECT
THIEF!

♪ BEN, THE TWO
OF US NEED FEAR
NO MORE. WE'LL
SOON STEAL THE
CASH THAT I AM
LOOKING FOR! ♪

THE NEXT MORNING...

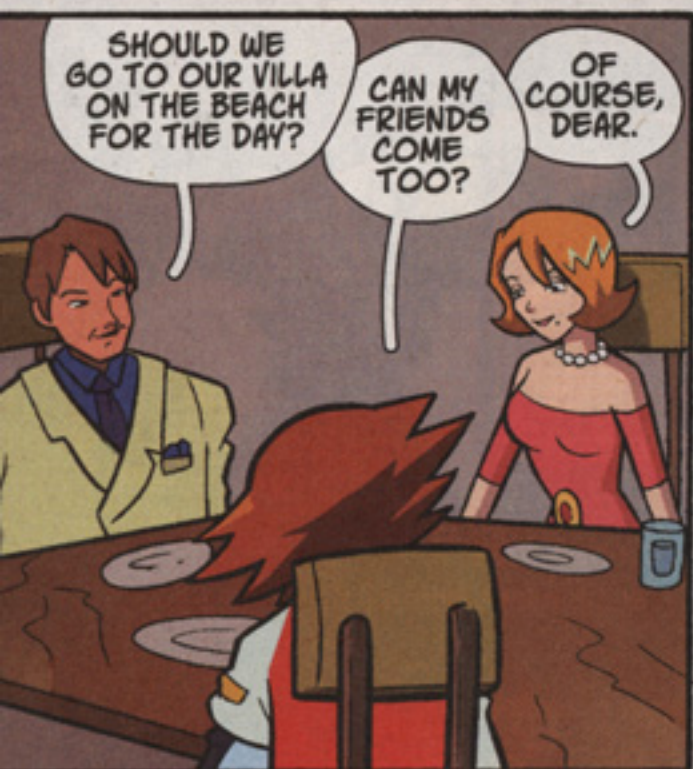
SINCE YOU HAVE THIS WEEK OFF FROM SCHOOL, YOUR FATHER AND I DECIDED TO COME HOME AND SPEND SOME TIME WITH YOU.



SHOULD WE GO TO OUR VILLA ON THE BEACH FOR THE DAY?

CAN MY FRIENDS COME TOO?

OF COURSE, DEAR.



YAAAAAY!

CHAO!



BEFORE WE GO TO EMERALD COAST, WE HAVE TO STOP AT THE BANK.

'KAY!



AREN'T YOU COMING, SONIC?

NAH. THE BANK AND THE BEACH SOUND BORING TO ME.

I'M GOING TO GO FIND SOME **REAL** EXCITEMENT.



LATER, AT THE
TWELFTH NATIONAL
BANK OF STATION
SQUARE, INC...

I NEVER
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE SO
BUSY THIS
MORNING...

ONLY
SEVEN HOURS
AND FORTY-SEVEN
MINUTES UNTIL
QUITTING
TIME...

COMIC BOOK
WRITER? I CAN'T
GIVE YOU A LOAN
UNLESS YOU HAVE
A *REAL* JOB.

I WISH
SONIC WAS
HERE.

LINES LIKE
THESE ARE WHY
I ALWAYS USE
ATMS, DEAR.

YOU KNOW
HE *DOESN'T*
LIKE WATER.
HE *HATES* TO
GO TO THE
BEACH.

HUH?

YIKES!



CRRRAASSSHHHH!



UNAWARE OF DR. EGGMAN'S
ATTACK, SONIC VISITS ANGEL
ISLAND WHICH FLOATS OVER
THE SAPPHIRE SEA.



KNUCKLES!
I'M GLAD TO
SEE YOU!

WHY?
WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
SONIC?



LET'S
GO FOR A
RUN!

I
HAVE MORE
IMPORTANT
THINGS
TO DO.



I MUST STAY
HERE TO GUARD
THE MASTER
EMERALD.



IT'S
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE.

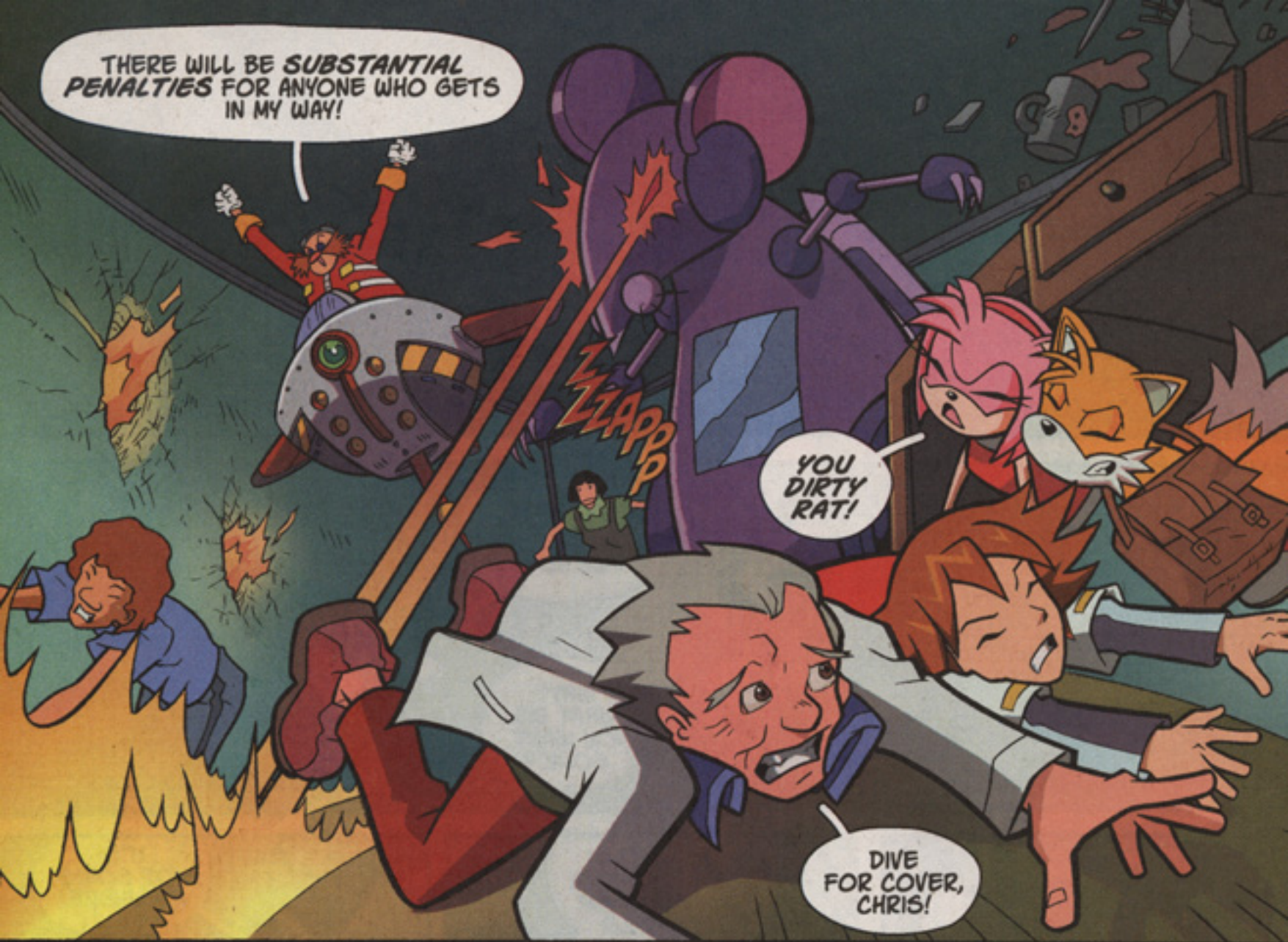


WOULDN'T
IT BE MORE FUN
TO GO ON AN
ADVENTURE?

SORRY, SONIC,
BUT I CANNOT LEAVE
THIS PLACE.

I HAVE **SWORN**
AN OATH TO PROTECT
THE MASTER EMERALD, AND I
DO NOT GO BACK ON MY WORD
UNLESS THERE IS GOOD
REASON.

THERE WILL BE **SUBSTANTIAL PENALTIES** FOR ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY!



WE'VE GOT TO DO
SOMETHING!

I WISH
SONIC WAS
HERE.

WELL,
HE'S *NOT*,
SO IT'S UP
TO US.

ATTENTION,
BEN--LAUNCH REAR
MISSILES!

HEY, RATFACE!
EAT Mallet!

KLANG

ONE SWIFT BLOW
AND THE MISSILES
ARE LAUNCHED...

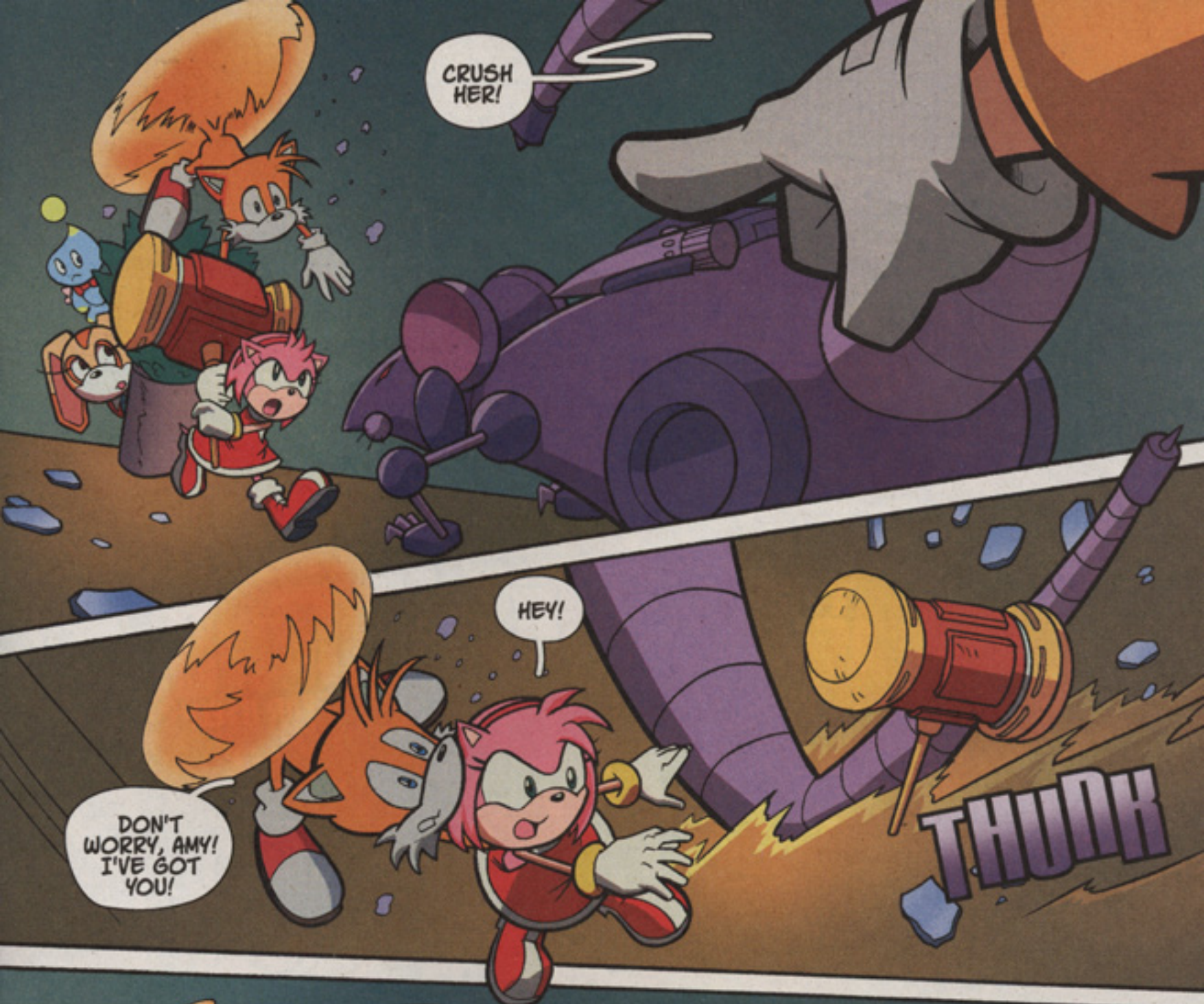
...BUT NOT WHERE
DR. EGGMAN INTENDED!

BOOOOOOOOOOM

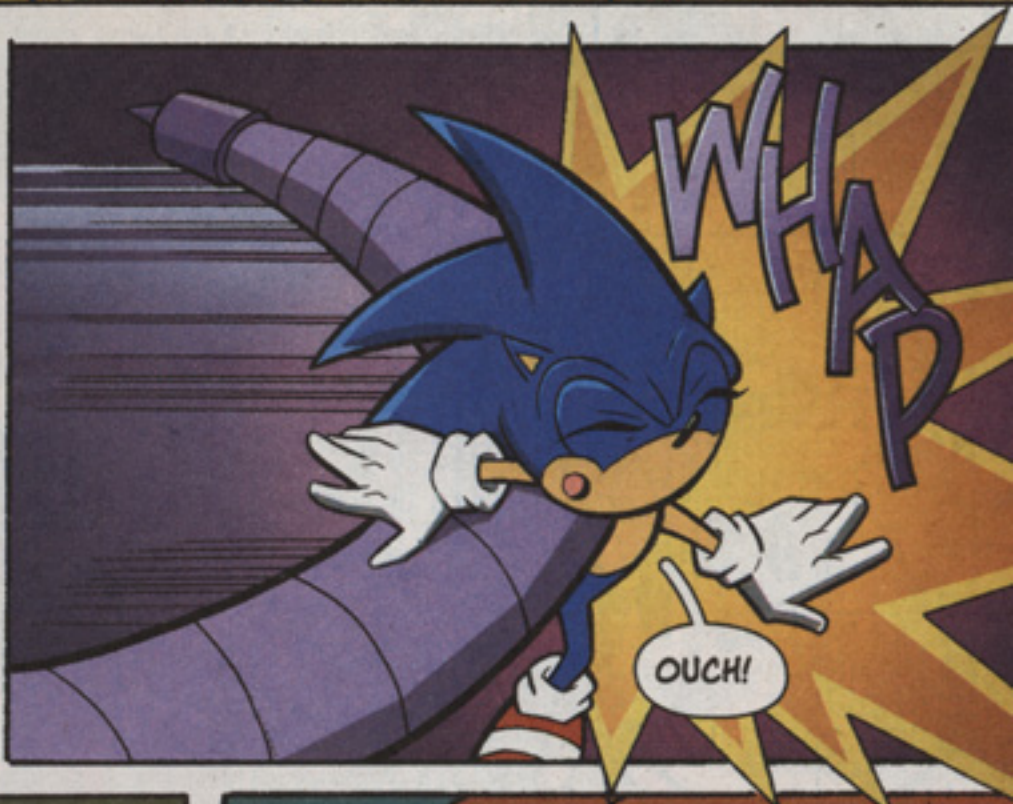
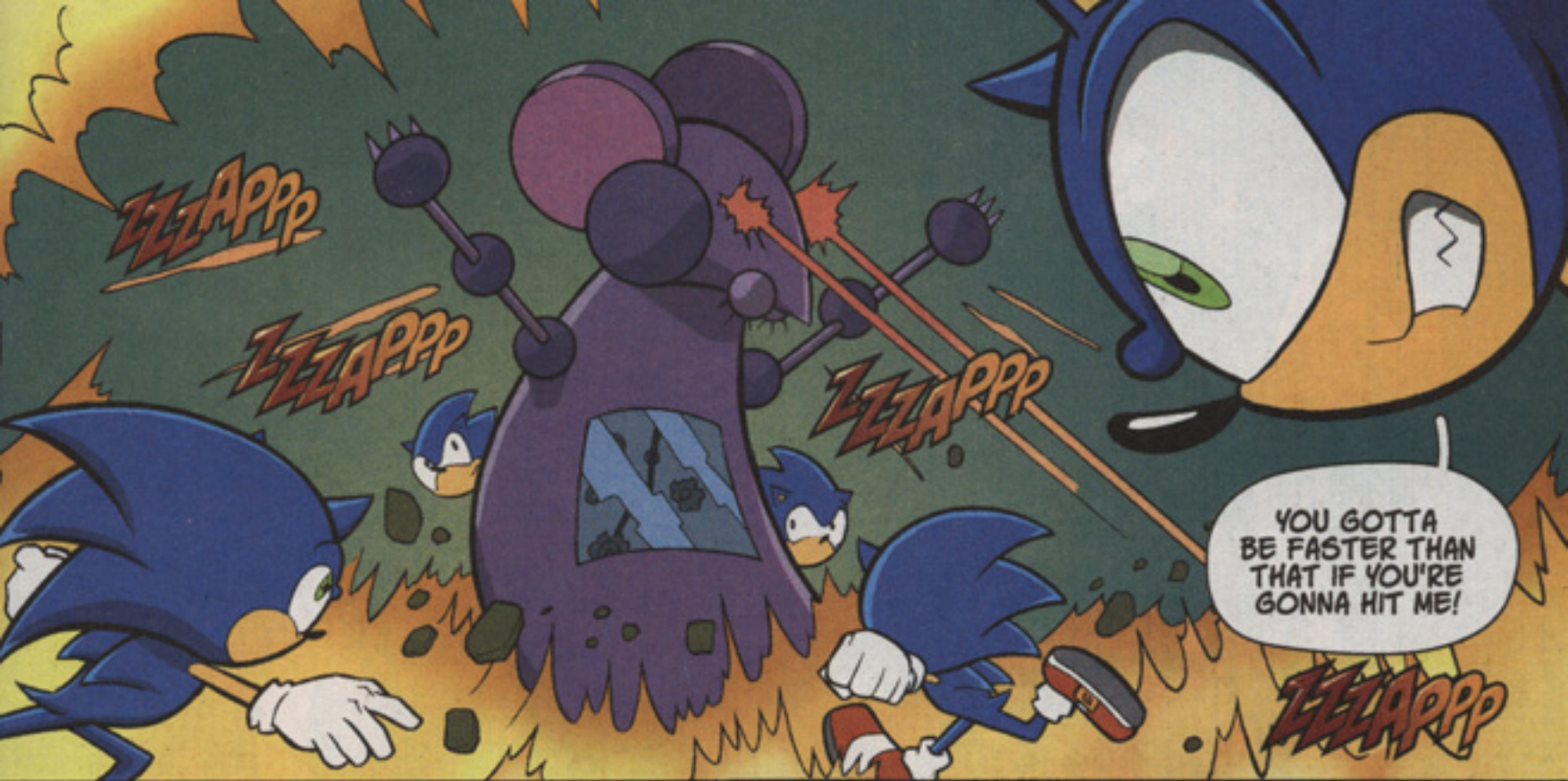
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FOOO!

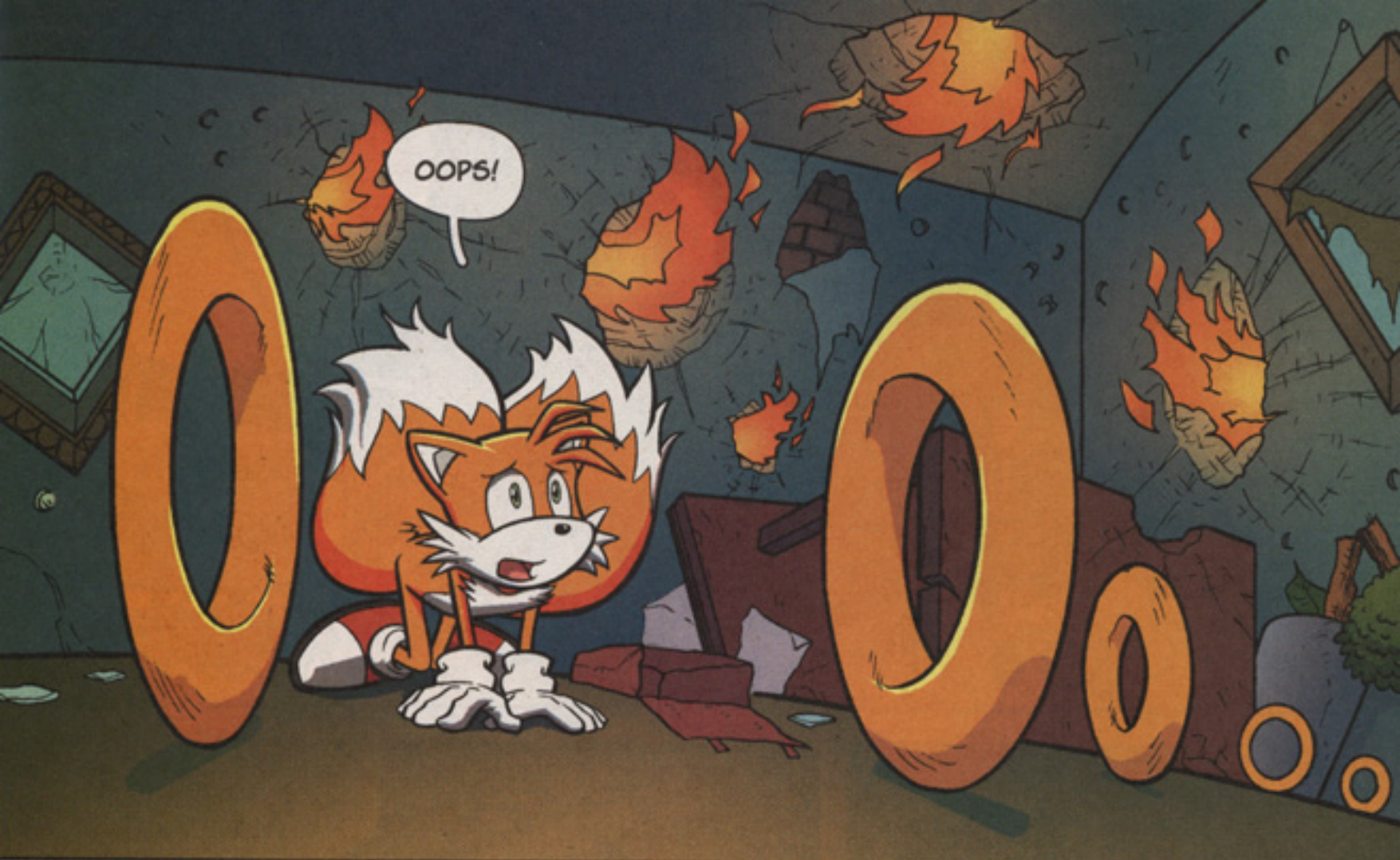
IT'S GOING TO
TAKE *MORE THAN*
A FREE TOASTER
TO MAKE ME HAPPY
AFTER THAT!











RATZN-FRATZN
HEDGEHOG!

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

THUNK

H-WHUNK

K-THUNK

POP
CRACKLE
SNAP

WHILE SONIC
IS DISTRACTED,
I'LL MAKE MY
MOVE!



THESE
RINGS MAY BE
MORE VALUABLE
THAN ALL THE LITTLE
SLIPS OF PAPER
IN THE VAULT!



THIS IS
NO WAY TO
GET AHEAD IN
THE WORLD,
LITTLE BUDDY!

KRACKZISS
FIZZLE



YOUR
ACCOUNT'S
BEEN CLOSED,
EGGMAN!

HISSES
POP



CONSIDERING
THE DISREPUTABLE
CLIENTELE OF THIS
ESTABLISHMENT...



...I SHALL
TAKE MY CUSTOM
ELSEWHERE!

HAHAHA
HAHAHA!

WEEEEEEEEEE-
WEEEEEEEEEE



YOU MISSED ALL
THE EXCITEMENT, UNCLE
SAM. SONIC REALLY
SAVED THE DAY!

FOR
A SPEED
TEAM, IT SURE
TOOK YOU LONG
ENOUGH TO
GET HERE.

SOMEDAY
I'LL BE STATION
SQUARE'S HERO
AGAIN!

CHRIS'S SCHOOL VACATION IS OVER, AND LINDSAY AND NELSON THORNDYKE LEAVE STATION SQUARE TO GO BACK TO WORK.

A FEW DAYS LATER, CHRIS, CHUCK, AND SONIC RECEIVE A VERY IMPORTANT VISITOR.

WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR FOILING EGGMAN'S BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK, SONIC.

AWW, IT WAS NOTHIN', MR. PRESIDENT.

TIME AND AGAIN, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PROTECTED THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY.

NOW I COME TO ASK YOU TO UNDERTAKE A VERY IMPORTANT MISSION FOR ME.

YES, SIR, MR. PRESIDENT.

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

MEANWHILE...

DR. EGGMAN, WHAT WAS THAT DEVICE YOU HAD US HIDE IN THAT SUNKEN SHIP?

THE FIRST STEP IN MY PLAN TO RID MYSELF OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ONCE AND FOR ALL.

AND THESE RINGS I SNATCHED AT THE BANK WILL BE THE KEY TO SONIC'S ULTIMATE DEFEAT!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!

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